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Re: AT&T Alascom Cold Bay Housing Site: ADEC Spill # 1990250129701  
Site Closure Approved

Dear Mr. Bamberger:

The Department has reviewed the November 06 *Site Investigation Report Earth Station Housing Site, Cold Bay, Alaska* that your consultant recently submitted. Based on our review of the administrative record for this site, the Department finds that no further remedial actions are required for the AT&T Cold Bay Housing Site. The Department considers the AT&T Cold Bay Housing Site closed.

Residual petroleum contamination exceeding ADEC cleanup levels remain at the AT&T Alascom Cold Bay Earth Station site. The Cold Bay Earth Station site is subject of on-going cleanup and remediation activities and is not covered by this closure.

An 800 gallon heating oil underground storage tank (UST) was removed from the site in October 1990 and replaced by a 500 gallon above ground storage tank (AST). The AST was reportedly placed in the same location as the former UST. The UST closure report showed that the UST was clean closed.

Subsequently, Phase I and Phase II site assessments were conducted at the site. A release of approximately 100 gallons of heating oil from a temporary AST was reported during the Phase II SA. Diesel Range Organics (DRO) was detected in a single soil sample from 15' bgs at 770 mg/kg. Shallower and deeper soil samples were below ADEC cleanup levels.

During the summer of 2006, a site investigation was conducted to determine if soil contamination remained at the site above ADEC cleanup levels. None of the samples collected showed any evidence of significant impacts from petroleum hydrocarbons. The reported 1990 release from the temporary AST cannot be substantiated. No evidence was observed of an undiscovered release from the old UST. Therefore, no further remedial actions are required at this site.

In accordance with 18 AAC 75.380(d)(2) and 78.276(f)(2), ADEC may require additional site assessment, monitoring, remediation, and/or other necessary actions at this facility should new information become available that indicates contamination at this site may pose a threat to human health or the environment.

Any person who disagrees with this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 18 AAC 15.195 – 18 AAC 15.340 or an informal review by the Division Director in accordance with 18 AAC 15.185. Informal review requests must be delivered to the Division Director, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 303, Juneau, Alaska 99801, within 15 days after receiving the Department's decision reviewable under this section. Adjudicatory hearing requests must be delivered to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 303, Juneau, Alaska 99801, within 30 days after the date of issuance of this letter, or within 30 days after the Department issues a final decision under 18 AAC 15.185. If a hearing is not requested within 30 days, the right to appeal is waived.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact me at (907) 262-5210, extension 233.

Sincerely,



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